

MISSION: POSSIBLE

Week of March 3, 2013

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When you think of being a witness for Jesus, what thoughts come to mind?

On Sunday, I mentioned two obstacles to being a witness for Jesus. First, we know the mission is spiritual, but we feel spiritually inadequate. Secondly, we know this message is threatening to people, but we don't feel like we have an open door to share it. Do those thoughts affect you? Are there any other obstacles you face?

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According to Acts 1:8, what empowers a disciple to become a witness?

According to Acts 2:37-39, have you met the requirements for receiving God's Spirit?

On Sunday, I claimed that the only things we need in order to be witnesses for Jesus are our Stories and God's Spirit. What's the story of Jesus?

What's the story of Jesus in your life?

Do you have God's Spirit?

Jerusalem: How to Get an Open Door

Read Acts 3:1-9 and then Read Acts 4:8-10. What impact did that miracle have on the people of Jerusalem?

What impact would a miracle like that have in our world today?

Since Peter called the miracle "an act of kindness" I concluded on Sunday that it's the act of kindness that opens the door to our witness. What do you think of that?

Take it Home

I offered four suggestions on Sunday for getting involved in acts of kindness: "Refresh Lafayette" (LCC's newly forming community service strategy), artofneighboring.com (an intentional effort to be good neighbors), lafayettehelps.com (an LCC developed website to link people in need to people with means), and Habitat for Humanity's Advocate program. What do you think of those suggestions?

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